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For: NICKEL-HYDRIDE BATTERY LIFE DETERMINING METHOD AND LIFE  
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The relevance of JP 8-138759, JP 2000-215923 and JP 2000-243459 is discussed in the present specification.

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